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DRAFT TOR FOR TASK FORCE ON READINESS

REF: USNATO 6474 DTG 061841Z JUL 77

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SUMMARY: WE BELIEVE THE READINESS TOR ARE GENERALLY
EXCELLENT AND COVER MOST OF THE AREAS WHICH SHOULD BE IN-
CLUDED. WASHINGTON SHOULD CONSIDER ACCEPTING THEM AS
WRITTEN IF IT APPEARS THAT CHANGE WOULD BE DIFFICULT AND
IMPINGE ON OUR ABILITY TO ALTER THOSE TOR'S WHICH ARE NOT
IN AS GOOD SHAPE. THE COMMENT PROVIDED BELOW SERVES ONLY
TO AMPLIFY AND, WE BELIEVE, STRENGTHEN CERTAIN ASPECTS OF
THE TASK FORCE'S CHARTER. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE TASK
FORCE HAS ALREADY CONSIDERED MANY OF THE SUBJECTS ADDRESSED
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IN OUR COMMENTS AND HAS REJECTED THEM FOR GOOD REASON.
SINCE THE EWG, AT ITS JULY 15 REINFORCED MEETING, WILL
ADDRESS TOR FOR NINE SEPARATE TASK FORCES, US OBJECTIVES
FOR THE READINESS TOR MUST NOT BE FORMULATED IN ISOLATION
FROM THE OTHER EIGHT, BUT SHOULD BE CONSIDERED IN THE CON-
TEXT OF THE OVERALL APPROACH THE US INTENDS TO ADOPT FOR
THAT MEETING. THUS, THIS TELEGRAM SIMPLY FORWARDS OUR COM-

MENT AND IS NOT A REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE. WE ARE DEVELOPING AN OVERVIEW MESSAGE THAT WILL SYNTHESIZE OUR COMMENT, FORWARD OUR SUGGESTIONS FOR THE APPROACH THE US SHOULD ADOPT FOR THE JULY 15 MEETING, AND CONTAIN OUR FORMAL REQUEST FOR GUIDANCE. END SUMMARY.

SPECIFIC COMMENT:

1. WE BELIEVE THAT INCLUSION OF SPECIFIC EXAMPLES IN PARA B2(B) WOULD FOCUS MORE CRITICAL ATTENTION ON THIS AREA. SPECIFICALLY, MENTION OF RULES OF ENGAGEMENT, CHOP OF FORCES AND SIMPLIFIED COMMAND AND CONTROL ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE USEFUL. IT FOLLOWS THEN THAT THE SUBPARAGRAPHS TO B2(B) WOULD BE EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THESE THOUGHTS.

2. PARA B2(C) (1) SEEMS TO APPLY ONLY TO SPECIFIC ASPECTS OF MILITARY FORCES. IN THIS INSTANCE THE ADDITION OF A REFERENCE TO MOBILIZATION, CIVIL AGENCY PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATION, LOGISTICS, AND OUT-OF-SECTOR DEPLOYMENT OPTIONS MIGHT GIVE THE IMPETUS TO INVESTIGATE THESE AREAS. NOTE: WHILE WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INCLUDE THE OUT-OF-SECTOR ASPECTS IN THE TOR, CARE WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN TO DRAW THE DEFINITION BETWEEN "OUT-OF-SECTOR" AND "OUT-OF-AREA" OPERATIONS, SINCE THERE IS SIGNIFICANT OPPOSITION BY SEVERAL ALLIES TO ANYTHING "OUT OF AREA".

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3. IN PARA B3, WE SEE A USEFUL ATTEMPT TO PREVENT THE "WISH LIST" APPROACH. WHILE WE AGREE THAT RESTRICTIONS ARE NECESSARY, WE ARE NOT NECESSARILY CONVINCED THAT SETTING A FINITE PERCENTAGE FIGURE IS THE BEST WAY TO GO. WE BELIEVE THAT ALL TASK FORCES SHOULD OPERATE UNDER THE SAME FINANCIAL GUIDANCE. WE WILL DEVELOP THIS THOUGHT IN OUR OVERVIEW TELEGRAM.

4. PARA D8 COULD BE EXPANDED TO COVER THE DESIRABILITY OF TAKING INTO POSITIVE ACCOUNT THE WORK BEING DONE BY OTHER TASK FORCE GROUPS WHICH WILL IMPACT ON THE WORK OF THE READINESS TASK FORCE.

5. REF PARA 2 ABOVE. THE WORK "DEFINITION" IN LINE 8 SHOULD READ "DISTINCTION".STREATOR

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